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Dear CNL Cyberspace Patrons (and Friends):

QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

"Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason
is left free to combat it."

Thomas Jefferson - First Inaugural Address - March 4, 1801

ANS/CNL NEWS:

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"The Colonial Newsletter", Serial #105, of August 1997, has been mailed to subscribers. This journal, founded in 1960, deals with early American numismatics prior to 1793 and appears three times a year. This current issue, the second one to be published under the sponsorship of the American Numismatic Society, contains two full length articles in its 34 pages.

The first feature, "The Case Against Thomas Goadsby," by Michael Hodder, describes the legal entanglements in which this prominent figure in New Jersey coinages became embroiled in post-Revolutionary New York of 1785.

The second full length presentation is the reproduction and annotation of a c.1810 manuscript "The Adventures of a Halfpenny; commonly called a Birmingham Halfpenny" This child's book, written in animated fashion using the colloquial language of the period, narrates the adventures of a William III counterfeit copper. Although originally intended for a young audience, this booklet gives much numismatically valuable information about the manufacturing and circulation of counterfeit coppers. The 58 footnotes skillfully researched by the author, Charles W. Smith, explain many of the archaic terms and argot of the times.

A hitherto unpublished Fugio copper, Newman 25-PP, reported by Anthony Terranova, prompts a discussion of the clubbed rays Fugio by Editor-Emeritus James C. Spilman and current editor, Philip L. Mossman.

Anyone who would like to receive a complimentary issue of CNL 105, is invited to contact Leslie A. Elam, Executive Director, American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032. (Elam@AmNumSoc.org)

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ANS COINS DATABASE ON INTERNET

As the American Numismatic Society continues to expand their site on the World Wide Web of the Internet, they also are providing new information to all those around the world interested in numismatics. As of August 15, the ANS Web Site (<http://www.AmNumSoc2.org>) has made available a searchable database of their own Numismatic Cabinet holdings. Information on specific coins in the different departments will be searchable for ANS members and other numismatists, no matter where they live.

Divided into 12 departments, the total database of coin information represents over 533,000 records. It is being made available through the work of the Harry Bass Research Foundation, which is developing and maintaining the ANS site at this time. With the wealth of information that is generally available for the first time. it is becoming more important that numismatists avail themselves of the use of a computer in their research. and in particular the Internet.

Menu-Driven Search Capability

The link to the Search databases is on the main home page of the ANS site. On the Search sub-menu, there are search screens for each of the twelve ANS Departments, as well as an "E-Mail to:" capability to the respective Department Curator. There is also some background about each of the Departments, their strengths, and a brief history of their formation. Before searching, it will be helpful to read both the General Search Hints, which tells about how to best utilize the full power of Taxis (the search engine). and also the Search Hints

specific to the particular Department, which will give you some specific keyword search examples to get acquainted with the information and its layout.

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Contents of the FIRST ANS issue of CNL,
CNL-104, Issued April 1997, are as follow:

Charles W. Smith, Ph.D.

"An Error Sampler: Analysis of Nine Coin Errors Using a Quantitative
Classification System" Pages 1665- 1668

Philip L. Mossman, M.D.

"More on Moreau" Pages 1669- 1677

Michael J. Hodder

"The Gloucester County, Virginia Courthouse Tokens"
Pages 1679- 1682

Ken Mote & Jeff Rock

"Lightning Strikes Twice" Pages 1683- 1685

The Research Forum

Pages 1687- 1688

Editorial, Editor's Notebook,
Salutatory & Notice

Pages 1689- 1691

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C4 NEWS: No information received for inclusion.

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SOME INTERESTING "EARLY AMERICAN" WEB SITES

Gallery Mint Museum at:

<http://coin-gallery.com/gmm/>

Vermont Exhibit at ANA:

<http://www.money.org/vermont/vtexhibit.html>

Gore Collection at Notre Dame:

<http://www.nd.edu/~rarebook/Exbt/Coin/CoinText/coin.intro.html>

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